

Proclamation

In Recognition of Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Morgan Day

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Morgan first enlisted in the Texas National Guard in April 1989, served until 1992, and then reenlisted in 2004 after the events of 9/11 motivated her to serve and defend the nation, both domestically and overseas; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Morgan has demonstrated honor, courage and commitment by serving in the U.S. Army National Guard from 1982 until 2012 despite the discriminatory policy toward LGBT troops that existed until September 20, 2011, when Don't Ask Don't Tell was repealed; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Morgan has joined OutServe-Servicemembers Legal Defense Network as a member of the Military Advisory Council, where she is a positive role model for the GLBT community, women and the Army; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Morgan was diagnosed with terminal breast cancer and yet, has continued to fight for equality for the Armed Forces by challenging the Defense of Marriage Act, using her own family as a positive role model; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Morgan was able to realize her dream of visiting Hawai'i with her family before she died with the assistance of OutServe National and OutServe Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Morgan continues to serve in the New Hampshire Army National Guard, adding to her long list of awards and honors, and is happily married to her partner of fifteen years, Karen Morgan, and together raise their daughter, Casey Elena;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2013, as

"CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER CHARLIE MORGAN DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us recognizing and participating in its observance.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth of February, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SULLY OF MOUTHOUT

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i